आकाशवाणी के ऐसे कौन-कौन से केन्द्र हैं, जहां से प्रादेशिक समाचार हिन्दी में भी प्रसारित किए जाते हैं; और

(ख) आकाशवाणी के अन्य किन-किन केन्द्रों से ऐसे प्रसारण की व्यवस्था की जा रही है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) पोर्ट ब्लेयर हिन्द में क्षेत्रीय समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित कर रहा है।

(ख) कोई नहीं, जी।

Amendment of the Pensioner's Act

*151. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Hindu" of 26th October, 1986 under the caption "Pension is a right";

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the 'Pensioners' Act' which is nearly a century old;

(c) whether Government propose to make the payment of interest on accumulated pensions obligatory in case it was not paid within a resonable period; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is, however, no proposal to amend the Pensioner's Act, 1971.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, in cases where it is not found possible to sanction final pension at the time of retirement, the rules provide for payment of provisional pension for a period of six months to avoid hardship to the individual.

Safety of BARC plant against Explosions

*152. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 973 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre plant at Bombay is of old Canadian design which has been discarded in Canada; and

(b) if so, in what manner its safety against sudden explosion and leakage of radion, as at Chernobyl, has been assured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The CIRUS reactor at BARC is of Canadian design and is operating satisfactorily. The reactor on whose design CIRUS is based is still operating in Canada.

(b) The nuclear fuel, clad in aluminimum tubes are placed in a reactor vessel. This vessel (called calandria) is placed in a concrete vault. It has an outer containment made of steel. There are many control instruments and devices which ensure safe operation of the reactor and shut it down automatically in case of any abnormality.

Jamming of police communciations net-work in Punjab

*153. SHRI J. P GOYAL:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the police communications net-work in Punjab is being frequently jammed